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To *The Congressional Library*
Washington, D.C.

In compliance with a Resolution of the Standing Committee of
this Society, I have the honor to enclose herewith ³/~~2~~ copies of "*The
Society of the Cincinnati of the State of New York.*"

Please sign and return the enclosed card receipting for the work.

Yours respectfully,

Nicholas Fish
Secretary.

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It was moved, seconded and carried that the Secretary shall have suitably printed five hundred copies of:—

THE INSTITUTION ; THE BY-LAWS OF THIS SOCIETY ; A LIST OF THE OFFICERS AND OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ; A LIST OF THE COMMITTEE ON ADMISSIONS, together with A LIST OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY with their respective directions, and also THE TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1895,

and that he be directed to mail a copy of the same to each member of this Society, and to the Secretary of each State Society and to the Secretary-General.

Also that he mail a copy of the same to the Library of Columbia College, the Society Library, the New York Historical Society, the Astor Library, the Free Circulating Library, and to at least twenty-five other institutions or associations of good repute and suitable standing within the State of New York, where the same may be preserved for reference and consultation.

That he shall in like manner distribute fifty additional copies in other similar institutions, and that he report at the Annual Meeting his action under this resolution.

[Extract from the Minutes of the Standing Committee of April 3, 1896.]

THE INSTITUTION
OF
THE SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI.

CANTONMENT OF THE AMERICAN ARMY, }
On Hudson's River, 10th May, 1783. }

PROPOSALS* for establishing a Society upon principles therein mentioned, whose members shall be the officers of the American Army, having been communicated to the several regiments of the respective lines, they appointed an officer from each, who, in conjunction with the General Officers, should take the same into consideration at their meeting this day, at which the Honorable Major-General Baron de STEUBEN, the senior officer present, was pleased to preside.

The proposals being read, fully considered, paragraph by paragraph, and the amendments agreed to, Major-General KNOX, Brigadier-General HAND, Brigadier-General HUNTINGTON, and Captain SHAW were chosen to revise the same, and prepare a copy to be laid before this Assembly at their next meeting, to be holden at Major-General Baron de STEUBEN'S quarters, on Tuesday, the 13th inst.

TUESDAY, 13th May, 1783.

The representatives of the American Army being assembled, agreeably to adjournment, the plan for establishing a Society, whereof the officers of the American Army are to be members, is accepted, and is as follows, viz.:

INSTITUTION.

"It having pleased the Supreme Governor of the Universe, in the disposition of human affairs, to cause the separation of the Colonies of North America from the domination of Great Britain, and after a bloody conflict of eight years, to establish them free, independent, and sovereign States, connected, by alliances founded on reciprocal advantages, with some of the greatest princes and powers of the earth.

"To perpetuate, therefore, as well the remembrance of this vast event, as the mutual friendships which have been formed under the pressure of common danger, and in many instances cemented by the blood of the parties, the officers of the American Army do, hereby, in the most solemn manner, associate, constitute, and combine themselves into one SOCIETY OF FRIENDS, to endure as long as they shall endure, or any of their eldest male posterity, and

* These "proposals" are understood to have been embodied in a paper (still in existence) in the handwriting of General Knox, dated "Westpoint, 15 April, 1783," proposing a plan of organization of a Society to be formed of Officers of the American Army, to be known as the "Cincinnati."

in failure thereof, the collateral branches,* who may be judged worthy of becoming its supporters and members.

"The officers of the American Army having generally been taken from the citizens of America, possess high veneration for the character of that illustrious Roman, LUCIUS QUINTIUS CINCINNATUS; and being resolved to follow his example, by returning to their citizenship, they think they may, with propriety, denominate themselves THE SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI.

"The following principles shall be immutable, and form the basis of the Society of the Cincinnati:

"An incessant attention to preserve inviolate those exalted rights and liberties of human nature, for which they have fought and bled, and without which the high rank of a rational being is a curse instead of a blessing.

"An unalterable determination to promote and cherish, between the respective States, that union and national honor, so essentially necessary to their happiness, and the future dignity of the American empire.

"To render permanent the cordial affection subsisting among the officers. This spirit will dictate brotherly kindness in all things, and particularly extend to the most substantial acts of beneficence, according to the ability of the Society, towards those officers and their families who unfortunately may be under the necessity of receiving it.

"The General Society will, for the sake of frequent communications, be divided into State Societies, and these again into such districts as shall be directed by the State Society.

"The Societies of the Districts to meet as often as shall be agreed upon by the State Society, those of the State on the fourth day of July annually, or oftener, if they shall find it expedient; and the General Society on the first Monday in May annually, so long as they shall deem it necessary, and afterwards, at least once in every three years.

"At each meeting, the principles of the Institution will be fully considered, and the best measures to promote them adopted.

"The State Societies will consist of all the members resident in each State respectively; and any member removing from one State to another is to be considered, in all respects, as belonging to the Society of the State in which he shall actually reside.

"The State Societies to have a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, to be chosen annually by a majority of votes, at the State meeting.

"Each State meeting shall write annually, or oftener, if necessary, a circular letter, to the other State Societies, noting whatever they may think worthy of observation, respecting the good of the Society, or the general union of the States, and giving information of the officers chosen for the current year. Copies of these letters shall be regularly transmitted to the Secretary-General of the Society, who will record them in a book to be assigned for that purpose.

"The State Society will regulate everything respecting itself and the Societies of the Districts, consistent with the general maxims of the Cincinnati; judge of the qualifications of the members who may be proposed; and expel any member, who, by conduct inconsistent with a gentleman and a man of honor, or by an opposition to the interests of the community in general or the Society in particular, may render himself unworthy to continue a member.

"In order to form funds which may be respectable, and assist the unfortunate, each officer shall deliver to the Treasurer of the State Society one month's pay, which shall remain

* This expression "collateral branches" (introduced by the Committee to which General Knox's draft was referred) has led to some confusion, and to the idea that it might apply to persons claiming descent from a collateral relative of the original member. This construction would, in many instances, when, as was not infrequently the case, families were divided, in their allegiance, admit the descendants of those who adhered to the British Government and resisted the efforts for Independence.

The word "branches" is introduced by the Committee a second time in a connection that leaves no question that it was understood and used as a synonym for "offspring"—"descendant," viz., "as a testimony of affection to the memory, and the offspring of such officers as have died in the service, their eldest male branches shall have the same right of becoming members as the children of the actual members of the Society."

The whole tenor of the Institution is to confine the succession to the descendants of original members.

forever to the use of the State Society; the interest only of which, if necessary, to be appropriated to the relief of the unfortunate.

"Donations may be made by persons not of the Society, and by members of the Society, for the express purpose of forming permanent funds for the use of the State Society; and the interest of these donations appropriated in the same manner as that of the months' pay.

"Moneys, at the pleasure of each member, may be subscribed in the Societies of the Districts, or the State Societies, for the relief of the unfortunate members, or the widows and orphans, to be appropriated by the State Society only.

"The meeting of the General Society shall consist of its officers, and a representation from each State Society, in number not exceeding five, whose expenses shall be borne by their respective State Societies.

"In the General Meeting, the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer-General, shall be chosen to serve until the next meeting.

"The circular letters which have been written by the respective State Societies to each other, and their particular laws, shall be read and considered, and all measures concerted which may conduce to the general intendment of the Society.

"It is probable that some persons may make donations to the General Society, for the purpose of establishing funds for the further comfort of the unfortunate; in which case such donations must be placed in the hands of the Treasurer-General, the interest only of which to be disposed of, if necessary, by the General Meeting.

"All the officers of the American Army, as well those who have resigned with honor, after three years' service in the capacity of officers, or who have been deranged by the resolutions of Congress, upon the several reforms of the army, as those who shall have continued to the end of the war, have the right to become parties to this Institution; provided that they subscribe one month's pay, and sign their names to the general rules, in their respective State Societies—those who are present with the army, immediately, and others within six months after the army shall be disbanded, extraordinary cases excepted. The rank, time of service, resolutions of Congress by which any have been deranged, and place of residence, must be added to each name; and as a testimony of affection to the memory and the offspring of such officers as have died in the service, their eldest male branches shall have the same right of becoming members, as the children of the actual members of the Society.

"Those officers who are foreigners, not resident in any of the States, will have their names enrolled by the Secretary-General, and are to be considered as members in the Societies of any of the States in which they happen to be.

"And as there are, and will at all times be, men in the respective States, eminent for their abilities and patriotism, whose views may be directed to the same laudable objects with those of the Cincinnati, it shall be a rule to admit such characters as Honorary Members of the Society, for their own lives only: Provided always, that the number of Honorary Members, in each State, does not exceed a ratio of one to four of the officers or their descendants.

"Each State Society shall obtain a list of its members, and, at the first annual meeting, the State Secretary shall have engrossed, on parchment, two copies of the Institution of the Society, which every member present shall sign; and the Secretary shall endeavor to procure the signature of every absent member; one of those lists to be transmitted to the Secretary-General, to be kept in the archives of the Society, and the other to remain in the hands of the State Secretary. From the State-lists, the Secretary-General must make out, at the first general meeting, a complete list of the whole Society, with a copy of which he will furnish each State Secretary.

"The Society shall have an Order, by which its members shall be known and distinguished, which shall be a medal of gold, of a proper size to receive the emblems, and suspended by a deep blue ribbon, two inches wide, edged with white, descriptive of the union of America and France, viz:

"The principal figure
CINCINNATUS:

Three Senators presenting him with a sword and other military ensigns—on a field in the back-ground, his wife standing at the door of their Cottage—near it

A PLOUGH AND IMPLEMENTS OF HUSBANDRY.

Round the whole,

OMNIA RELIQUIT SERVARE REMPUBLICAM.

On the reverse,
 Sun rising—a city with open gates, and vessels entering the port—Fame crowning CIN-
 CINNATUS with a wreath, inscribed
 VIRTUTIS PRÆMIUM.
 Below,
 HANDS JOINED, SUPPORTING A HEART,
 With the motto,
 ESTO PERPETUA.
 Round the whole,
 SOCIETAS CINCINNATORUM INSTITUTA,
 A. D. 1783."

The Society, deeply impressed with a sense of the generous assistance this country has received from France, and desirous of perpetuating the friendships which have been formed, and so happily subsisted, between the officers of the allied forces, in the prosecution of the war, direct, that the President-General transmit, as soon as may be, to each of the characters hereafter named, a medal containing the Order of the Society, viz:

His Excellency the CHEVALIER DE LA LUZERNE, Minister Plenipotentiary.

His Excellency the SIEUR GERARD, late Minister Plenipotentiary.

Their Excellencies

The COUNT D'ESTAING,

The COUNT DE GRASSE,

The COUNT DE BARRAS,

The CHEVALIER DE TOUCHES,

Admirals and Commanders in the Navy.

His Excellency the COUNT DE ROCHAMBEAU, Commander-in-Chief.

And the Generals and Colonels of his army, and acquaint them, that the Society do themselves the honor to consider them as members.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing institution be given to the senior officer of each State line, and that the officers of the respective State lines, sign their names to the same, in manner and form following, viz:

"We, the subscribers, officers of the American Army, do hereby voluntarily become parties to the foregoing institution, and do bind ourselves to observe, and be governed by the principles therein contained. For the performance whereof we do solemnly pledge to each other our sacred honor.

DONE IN THE CANTONMENT, ON HUDSON'S RIVER,

In the year 1783."

That the members of the Society, at the time of subscribing their names to the Institution, do also sign a draft on the Paymaster-General, in the following terms (the regiments to do it regimentally, and the Generals and other officers not belonging to regiments, each for himself, individually), viz:

"To JOHN PIERCE, Esquire, Paymaster-General to the Army of the United States.

SIR: Please pay to Treasurer for the State Association of The Cincinnati, or his order, one month's pay of our several grades respectively, and deduct the same from the balance which shall be found due to us on the final liquidation of our accounts; for which this shall be your warrant."

That the members of the several State Societies assemble as soon as may be, for the choice of their President and other officers; and that the Presidents correspond together, and appoint a meeting of the officers who may be chosen for each State, in order to pursue such further measures as may be judged necessary.

That the General Officers, and the officers delegated to represent the several

corps of the army, subscribe to the Institution of the General Society, for themselves and their constituents, in the manner and form before prescribed.

That GENERAL HEATH,
GENERAL BARON DE STEUBEN, and
GENERAL KNOX,

be a committee to wait on his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, with a copy of the Institution, and request him to honor the Society by placing his name at the head of it.

That MAJOR-GENERAL HEATH,* second in command in this army, be, and he hereby is desired to transmit copies of the Institution, with the proceedings thereon, to the commanding officer of the Southern army, the senior officer in each State, from Pennsylvania to Georgia, inclusive, and to the commanding officer of the Rhode Island line, requesting them to communicate the same to the officers under their several commands, and to take such measures as may appear to them necessary for expediting the establishment of their State Societies, and sending a delegation to represent them in the first general meeting to be holden on the first Monday in May, 1784. The Meeting then adjourned without day.

STEUBEN, MAJOR-GENERAL, *President.*

Cantonment of the American Army, 19th June, 1783.

At a meeting of the General Officers, and the gentlemen delegated by the respective regiments, as a Convention for establishing the Society of the Cincinnati, held by the request of the President, at which were present,

Major-General BARON DE STEUBEN, President,
Major-General HOWE,
Major-General KNOX,
Brigadier-General PATTERSON,
Brigadier-General HAND,
Brigadier-General HUNTINGTON,
Brigadier-General PUTNAM,
Colonel WEBB,
Lieutenant-Colonel HUNTINGTON,
Major PETTENGILL,
Lieutenant WHITING,
Colonel H. JACKSON,
Captain SHAW,
Lieutenant-Colonel HULL,
Lieutenant-Colonel MAXWELL,
Colonel COURTLANDT,

General BARON DE STEUBEN acquainted the Convention that he had, agreeably to their request, at the last meeting, transmitted to his Excellency the Chevalier de la LUZERNE, Minister Plenipotentiary from the Court of France, a copy of the Institution of the Society of the Cincinnati, with their vote respecting his Excellency, and the other characters therein mentioned; and that his Excellency had returned an answer, declaring his acceptance of the same, and

* It is a curious coincidence that the officer thus selected affords the only known instance of a renunciation of the Order of the Cincinnati by one of its members.

expressing the grateful sense he entertains of the honor conferred on himself, and the other gentlemen of the French nation, by this act of the Convention.

Resolved, That the letter of the Chevalier de la LUZERNE be recorded in the proceedings of this day, and deposited in the archives of the Society, as a testimony of the high sense this Convention entertains of the honor done to the Society by his becoming a member thereof.

The Letter is as follows :

“ PHILADELPHIE, le 3 Juin, 1783.

“ MONSIEUR LE BARON,

“ J’ai reçu avec beaucoup de reconnaissance les statuts de l’ordre respectable que messieurs les officiers de l’armée Americaine viennent de fonder : si le courage, la patience, et toutes les vertus que cette brave armée a si souvent déployées dans le cours de cette guerre pouvoient jamais être oubliées, ce monument seul les rappellerait.

“ J’ose vous assurer, monsieur, que tous les officiers de ma nation, que vous avez bien voulu admettre dans votre société, en seront infiniment honorés ; je vous prie d’être bien persuadé que je sens, en mon particulier, bien vivement l’honneur que m’ont fait messieurs les officiers de l’armée, en daignant penser à moi dans cette occasion. Je compte aller rendre mes devoirs à son excellence le General WASHINGTON, aussôt que le traité définitif sera signé, et j’aurai l’honneur de lui assurer de vive voix de ma respectueuse reconnaissance.

“ Je saisis avec un grand empressement cette occasion de vous renouveler les sentiments du très parfait et très respectueux attachement avec lesquels j’ai l’honneur d’être. Monsieur le Baron,

votre très humble, et

très obéissant serviteur,

LE CHEVALIER DE LA LUZERNE.

Monsieur, Monsieur le Baron de STEUBEN, Major-Général }
au service des Etats Unis, au Quartier Général.” }

The Baron having also communicated a letter from Major L’ENFANT, enclosing a design for the medal and order, containing the emblems of the Institution.

Resolved, That the bald eagle, carrying the emblems on its breast, be established as the order of the Society, and that the ideas of Major L’ENFANT respecting it, and the manner of its being worn by the members, be adopted. That the order be of the same size, and in every other respect conformable to the said design, which for that purpose is certified by the Paron de STEUBEN, President of this Convention, and to be deposited in the archives of the Society as the original, from which all copies are to be made. Also, that silver medals, not exceeding the size of a Spanish milled dollar, with the emblems as designed by Major L’ENFANT, and certified by the Président, be given to each and every member of the Society, together with a diploma, on parchment, whereon shall be impressed the exact figures of the order and medal, as above mentioned ; anything in the original institution, respecting gold medals, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Major L’ENFANT’s letter is as follows :

“ PHILADELPHIE, le 10 Juin, 1783.

“ MON GÉNÉRAL,

“ Aussôt après la reception de votre lettre en date du 20 Mai, laquelle ne m’est parvenu que le 7, ayant été par hazard à la poste, je me suis occupé des projets de la médaille. Je vous envoie les desseins de deux faces, que j’ai faits, en grand, à fin qu’on puisse mieux juger de l’ensemble. Lors de l’exécution on la réduira à la grandeur convenable qui pour peut que l’on exige de précision dans le dessein, ne doit pas être plus petite qu’un dollar, le

sujet se trouvant trop compliqué pour que les détails puissent être aperçus sous une plus petite dimension.

“Je ne l’ai point fait ovale, ainsi que vous me le demandez, vu que cette forme est peu propre à une médaille; d’ailleurs, on pourra toujours la faire au moment de l’exécution, si on persiste absolument à vouloir porter l’ordre sous cette forme, à laquelle je crois que tout autre seroit préférable; ainsi que je crois et espère que vous en serez bien persuadé, et ferez en sorte d’en convaincre les personnes qui composent le comité relatif à cette institution, auxquelles je vous prie de communiquer les observations suivantes.

“La médaille, ronde ou ovale, n’est considérée dans les différents états de l’Europe que comme une récompense d’artiste, d’artisan, ou comme un signe de communauté de fabricants, ou société religieuse—en outre, l’usage abusif que l’on en fait, particulièrement en Allemagne et en Italie, d’où il arrive en France, des baladins, des musiciens, décorés de cette manière, rend nécessaire de distinguer cet ordre par une forme qui lui soit particulière, et puisse, en honorant celui qui en sera décoré, remplir le double objet de se faire respecter par son simple aspect, de ceux même qui en seront apportés d’en détailler les différentes empreintes.

“Ce n’est pas que je croye qu’une forme, où une autre changera l’opinion d’un peuple républicain accoutumé à penser, mais je dis, que dans une institution pareille, le premier but doit être de se rendre respectable à tous les peuples du monde; et quece n’est qu’en parlant aux yeux qu’on attire l’attention du vulgaire, qu’il y a des préjugés d’habitude qui ne peuvent être détruits—qu’un homme qualifié et déjà décoré en Europe ne portera pas une médaille, ou, si flatté de recevoir une marque de distinction d’une société respectable, il la portoit, ce seroit d’une manière peu propre à faire accréditer la valeur de l’ordre. Qu’au contraire, en lui donnant une forme nouvelle en particulier, ce sera ajouter à sa valeur réelle, celle de la rendre recommandable, en engageant ceux qui en seront décorés à en faire parade de pair avec les autres ordres militaires, ce qui est le plus sûr moyen de la mettre d’abord de niveau avec eux.

“Le bald eagle qui est particulier à ce continent et qui se distingue à celui des autres climats, par sa tête et sa queue blanches, m’a paru mériter de l’attention.

“Je vous envoie deux essais que j’ai faits; je désire que l’un des deux puisse être adopté au lieu et place de la médaille. Dans l’un, je fais l’aigle supportant une étoile, à treize pointes, dans le centre de laquelle est renfermée la figure de la médaille avec les inscriptions, tant sur la face que sur le revers. On pourroit ajouter une légende dans les serres et autour du col de l’aigle, avec une inscription particulière, où bien y transférer celle du contour de la médaille. Dans l’autre, j’ai fait l’aigle simplement portant sur sa poitrine la figure de la médaille, avec une légende dans ses serres et autour du col, laquelle lui repasse par derrière le dos pour soutenir le revers. Je préférerois le dernier, en ce qu’il n’a rapport à aucun ordre et porte avec lui un caractère distinctif, et ne seroit pas fort dispendieux à faire exécuter. Le premier menée, quoique plus compliqué, ne reviendroit pas aussi cher qu’on pourroit le penser, toute fois qu’on en chargeroit des personnes capables de l’exécuter: ce qui ne peut avoir lieu non plus que relativement à la médaille qu’en l’envoyant en Europe, ce qui n’exigeroit pas beaucoup de tems, et ne seroit pas si dispendieux, que d’en confier l’exécution à des personnes incapables.

“Une médaille est un monument qui passe à la postérité; et par conséquent il est nécessaire qu’elle soit portée au degré de perfection possible dans le siècle où elle est frappée. Or bien frapper une médaille est une chose qui demande de l’habitude et un bon coin, or il n’y a ici ni balancier propre à cette besogne ni gens capables de faire un bon coin, je me chargerois volontiers de recommander l’exécution de la médaille, de l’aigle ou ordre, à gens capables de l’exécuter à Paris.

“Bien loin que je propose de changer la médaille ovale en un aigle sur lequel seroit empreint cette médaille, je ne prétends pas dire qu’ils ne savent pas frapper des médailles. Au contraire, voici quelle est mon idée à ce sujet.

“On pourroit faire frapper ici des médailles d’argent au frais communs de la société, et en distribuer une à chacun de ses membres, comme un titre adapté à la patente de parchemin, sur laquelle il sera aussi à propos de graver la figure de la médaille, la forme de l’aigle ou de l’étoile, avec sa plus grande dimension, détaillant les couleurs, en soignant de s’y conformer, laissant la liberté au chevaliers qui s’en pourvoyeroient à leurs dépens de la faire de tel métal, et

aussi petite que possible, sans altération d'aucun des emblèmes. Il ne me parroit pas non plus à propos que les chevaliers honoraires portassent l'ordre pareille aux chevaliers de droit. Il faudroit qu'on signifiat qu'ils portassent la médaille, ou l'étoile, ou l'aigle en sautoir, et les chevaliers à la 3me bouttoniere.

" Mon Général, ce sont les remarques que je vous prie de faire traduire, et de les soumettre à l'opinion general. Je vous serois obligé de me faire savoir quelle issue cette lettre aura, et quelle sera la décision qu'on en donnera.

J'ai, &c., &c.,

L'ENFANT.

" N. B. La tête et la queue de l'aigle seroient d'argent ou emailées en blanc, le corps et les aisles d'or, la médaille sur sa poitrine et sur son dos, emailée en couleur de même que la légende. On pourroit y ajouter des branches de laurier et de chêne dans les aisles, pour lors qu'on emaileroit en verd ; l'étoile du médaillon seroit pointée en or, ou emailée bleu et blanc, ceux qui voudroient faire le dépense pourroient avoir en diamant tout ce que est blanc. Le ruban seroit moiré comme celui de tous les autres ordres."

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be transmitted, by the President, to Major L'ENFANT, for his care and ingenuity in preparing the afore-mentioned designs, and that he be acquainted that they cheerfully embrace his offer of assistance, and request a continuance of his attention in carrying the designs into execution, for which purpose the President is desired to correspond with him.

Resolved, That his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief be requested to officiate as President-General, until the first general meeting, to be held in May next.

That a Treasurer-General, and a Secretary-General be ballotted for, to officiate in like manner.

The ballots being taken, Major-General M'DOUGALL was elected Treasurer-General, and Major-General KNOX Secretary-General, who are hereby requested to accept said appointments.

Resolved, That all the proceedings of this Convention, including the Institution of the Society, be recorded (from the original papers in his possession) by Captain SHAW, who at the first meeting was requested to act as Secretary, and that the same, signed by the President's Secretary, together with the original papers, be given into the hands of Major-General KNOX, Secretary-General to the Society ; and that Captain NORTH, aid-de-camp to the Baron de STEUBEN, and acting Secretary to him as President, sign the said records.

The dissolution of a very considerable part of the army, since the last meeting of this Convention, having rendered the attendance of some of its members impracticable, and the necessity for some temporary arrangements, previous to the first meeting of the General Society, being so strikingly obvious, the Convention found itself constrained to make those before mentioned, which they have done with the utmost diffidence of themselves, and relying entirely on the candor of their Constituents to make allowance for the measure. The principal objects of its appointment being thus accomplished, the members of this Convention think fit to dissolve the same, and it is hereby dissolved accordingly.

True copy from the records of the Society.

W. NORTH, Secretary to the President.



BY-LAWS

OF THE

New York State Society of the Cincinnati.

Adopted November 25, 1895, at an adjourned meeting of the Annual Meeting,
to take effect from the date of Adoption.

ARTICLE I.

OFFICERS.

SECTION 1.—The Officers of the Society shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Assistant Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Meeting on the Fourth of July in every year.

SECTION 2.—The Society may at every Annual Meeting, from among its members elect a Chaplain and a Surgeon, both of whom shall be ex-officio members of the Standing Committee. It may also at such times elect an assistant to the Secretary.

ARTICLE II.

ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS.

SECTION 1.—The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held on the Fourth of July, and a Stated Meeting on the thirteenth day of May (the Anniversary of the Society, and to be termed "Cincinnati Day") in every year. The Society shall also celebrate in every year Washington's Birthday, the twenty-second day of February, and Evacuation Day, the twenty-fifth day of November. Provided, that when the twenty-fifth day of November shall be the same day observed as Thanksgiving Day, then and in that case in place thereof, the fourth day of December, being the anniversary of the formal evacuation of New York by the British army as a relinquishment of territorial sovereignty, shall be celebrated. If any one of these days shall fall on a Sunday, such meeting or celebration shall be held on the following day. The Society shall also celebrate any other occasions directed by the Standing Committee to be celebrated.

SECTION 2.—Special meetings shall be called by the President, or by direction of the Standing Committee, or upon the request in writing of ten (10) members of the Society. At such Special Meetings no business shall be transacted except such as shall be specified in the notice therefor.

SECTION 3.—Ten days' notice of time and place of all meetings and celebrations of the Society shall be given by the Secretary, by mailing, through the Post Office in New York City, a written or printed notice to every member of the Society, to his recorded direction.

SECTION 4.—The place of meetings and celebrations of the Society shall be determined by a majority vote of members present and voting at the Annual, or the Stated Meeting, and in case such determination shall not be made, the Standing Committee shall designate the place.

ARTICLE III.

QUORUM.

The presence of at least twenty-one members shall be necessary for the transaction of any business which may authorize or involve the expenditure of money, or the admission of new members, or the election of Officers, or of Honorary Members. Fifteen shall constitute a quorum for all other purposes.

ARTICLE IV.

ELECTION OF STANDING COMMITTEE, DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES.

SECTION 1.—At the Annual Meeting next following the adoption of these By-Laws there shall be elected nine members, who with the Officers of the Society, shall constitute the Standing Committee.

The first nine members elected under this By-Law shall divide themselves into three classes, to continue in their respective functions for the term of one, two and three years. Thereafter at every successive Annual Meeting, there shall be elected three members to the Standing Committee for the term of three years, to take the places of those members thereof whose terms shall then expire.

SECTION 2.—After the Annual Election of the year 1896, no member shall be eligible for election until one year shall have elapsed since he last was a member of the Standing Committee.

SECTION 3.—No member shall be eligible to election as an Officer, or as a member of the Standing Committee, or as a Delegate, or as an Alternate, or as a Trustee unless he shall have been a member of the Society at least one year.

SECTION 4.—At every Annual Meeting there shall be elected five Delegates and five Alternates to represent the Society in any meeting of the General Society which may held during the ensuing year.

SECTION 5.—All Officers, Members of the Standing Committee, Delegates, Alternates and Trustees, shall continue in their respective functions until their successors shall be duly chosen.

SECTION 6.—The expenses of the Delegates to the General Society, and of the Alternates when serving as Delegates, shall be borne by the Society, except when a Delegate shall be an Officer of the General Society.

ARTICLE V.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

A Committee of five members shall be balloted for and elected at the Stated Meeting of the Society next preceding the Annual Meeting in every year, whose duty it shall be, upon the call of the Chairman thereof, to convene and nominate a ticket for the respective offices of the Society, to be voted for at the ensuing Annual Meeting. Such ticket thus prepared shall be reported to the Secretary, who shall print and mail the same to every member of the Society, to his recorded direction, at least one month before every Annual Meeting of the Society on the Fourth of July. The report of the ticket to the Secretary shall be taken as the report of the Committee, which shall thereupon be considered as discharged. These nominations shall not be taken to preclude any member or members from preparing and offering any ticket they, or any of them, may desire.

ARTICLE VI.

METHOD OF ELECTION.

SECTION 1.—The Election of the Officers of the Society, of the Chaplain, of the Surgeon, and of the assistant to the Secretary, the members of the Standing Committee, the Delegates and Alternates to the General Society, the Trustees, and of the Nominating Committee shall be by ballot, and the persons having the largest number of votes cast for the respective places shall be elected.

SECTION 2.—The vote upon the admission of new members, and the election of Honorary Members, shall also in all cases be taken by ballot. The affirmative votes of three-fourths of the members present and voting, shall be necessary for the admission of a new member, and the affirmative votes of four-fifths of the members present and voting, shall be necessary for the election of an honorary member.

ARTICLE VII.

PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Standing Committee, but if absent the Vice-President shall preside; if both be absent the meeting shall elect a Chairman pro tempore.

ARTICLE VIII.

SECRETARY.

SECTION 1.—The Secretary shall keep the Minutes of the Society, and of the Standing Committee, and shall have the custody of the books and papers belonging to the Society, which shall be subject to the inspection of any member of the Society at reasonable times.

SECTION 2.—He shall within sixty days after every Annual Meeting print and mail to every member of the Society to his recorded direction, a copy of the Treasurer's Annual Report as presented to such Annual Meeting.

SECTION 3.—He shall give notice of the time and place of all meetings and celebrations of the Society, as required by Article II., Section 3, and perform such other duties as are required by the By-Laws.

SECTION 4.—He shall notify all qualified and accepted candidates of their admission to membership.

ARTICLE IX.

ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY.

SECTION 1.—He shall assist the Secretary in the performance of such duties of that office, as the Secretary may from time to time devolve upon him.

SECTION 2.—He shall within sixty days following every Annual Meeting, print and mail to every member of the Society, a list of deceased members, and of those who have for any reason ceased to be members of this Society; and a list of those who are members of the Society, including those elected at the last preceding Annual Meeting, with their respective directions; and a list of all those who have been elected members, but who have not qualified, with their respective directions and dates of election.

SECTION 3.—He shall keep a book in which shall be recorded the date and place of birth of every member, and such other facts concerning his personal history as may enable a proper biographical sketch to be prepared. He shall also keep a carefully prepared necrological list.

SECTION 4.—In case of the absence of the Secretary, or his inability for any cause to act in that capacity, the duties of the office shall devolve upon the assistant to the Secretary, under the direction of the Standing Committee, until the Secretary shall return, or the inability cease.

ARTICLE X.

TREASURER AND ASSISTANT TREASURER.

SECTION 1.—The Treasurer shall receive all moneys belonging to the Society arising from the interest or income of the Society's funds, or other sources of revenue. He shall keep an account with some Bank or Trust Company, or both, in the City of New York, in which he shall deposit all moneys so received by him on account of the Society, in the name and to the credit of "The New York State Society of the Cincinnati," subject to draft by checks signed by the Treasurer of the Society for the time being. He shall keep regular accounts, and submit them to the inspection of the Standing Committee whenever required by them to do so. He shall present an annual report and account of all moneys received and paid out by him during the year, and shall submit the same, together with the vouchers for his payments, to the Auditing Committee, to be appointed by the Standing Committee, in time for the same to be examined by them, and to be presented to the Society, at the Annual Meeting. He shall not pay out any money belonging to the Society, unless upon the warrant or order of the Standing Committee, or upon the order of the Society at its Stated or its Annual Meeting.

SECTION 2.—He shall, so far as is possible, separate and preserve distinct so much of the funds of the Society as is of the one month's pay delivered to the Treasurer of the State Society by the original members, together with all donations made "for the express purpose of forming permanent funds for the use of the State Society" (together with their annual increment), from that portion received from all other sources. These funds shall remain inviolate forever, "the interest only of which, if necessary, to be appropriated to the relief of the

unfortunate" members of the Society and their surviving families, by direction of the Standing Committee. If the appropriations for relief do not demand the full amount of the annual interest, so much of the remainder as is needed may be used for the general expenses of the Society, after which any balance still remaining shall be covered into the permanent fund.

SECTION 3.—In case of the absence of the Treasurer or his inability, from any cause, or for any reason whatsoever, to act in that capacity, the duties of the office shall in all particulars and powers devolve upon the Assistant Treasurer until the Treasurer shall return, or the inability cease.

ARTICLE XI.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

SECTION 1.—It shall be the duty of the Standing Committee to take care of the general concerns of the Society, as well as of all matters specially committed to them by the Society. They shall annually appoint two of their own number and one from the members of the Society at large, who shall be a Committee to arrange for all meetings or celebrations, or any gathering of the Society which there may be at any time; to provide the banquet on every twenty-second day of February, and a suitable entertainment at all other occasions directed to be observed in Article II., Section 1 of these By-Laws. They shall annually appoint a sub-committee of three of their own number to examine the Treasurer's accounts, and to make report thereon to the Society at its Annual Meeting. They shall examine and audit all bills and claims against the Society, and shall authorize the payment of what they shall deem just demands. They shall, from the appropriate funds of the Society, afford relief to the members, or the families of deceased members, who may in their judgment be proper objects for the beneficence of the Society, in such sums and at such times as they shall think proper. They shall grant warrants upon the Treasurer for all claims which they shall authorize; but the aggregate of the expenditures authorized by the Committee to be paid, including all sums distributed in aid of members or their families, in any one year, shall not exceed the annual income for the year arising from the productive permanent funds of the Society. The Committee shall have power, with the concurrence of the Trustees (referred to in Article XIV. of these By-Laws), or a majority of them, or of the survivors or survivor of said Trustees, from time to time, to call in any of the moneys belonging to the Society, and to invest the same, or to change the investments of the Society's funds. They shall have power to appoint proper persons to fill any offices or places which shall become vacant by death, resignation or otherwise, except as hereinafter provided in Article XIV. of these By-Laws; such appointments to continue until the place be filled by an election by the Society at the Annual Meeting. They shall keep a record of their proceedings, which shall be subject to the inspection of any member of the Society, at reasonable times, and which shall be laid before the Society, and be read at the Stated or the Annual Meeting.

SECTION 2.—Stated meetings of the Standing Committee shall be held at least twice in every year, as nearly as may be at intervals of six months. The time and place of meeting, whether stated or special, shall be named by the President, or in case of his inability to act, by the Vice-President, and in case

of the inability to act of both the President and Vice-President, the meeting shall be called by three members of the Standing Committee. Notice of the time and place of meeting, shall be given in writing by the Secretary to every member of the Committee, at least two days before the meeting.

SECTION 3.—Five members of the Standing Committee shall be a quorum for the transaction of ordinary business, but no payment of money shall be authorized unless seven members be present.

ARTICLE XII.

ADMISSION OF MEMBERS.

SECTION 1.—Every person desirous of becoming a member of this Society, shall make application in writing to the Standing Committee, setting forth distinctly and clearly his claim to be admitted. The Committee shall advise thereon, and may demand any proof which they may deem requisite in support of such claim, and any testimonial with respect to the character and standing of the applicant; and they shall report, in writing, the facts of the case, together with their opinion, to the Society. No application, after adverse decision by the Standing Committee, shall be allowed to be withdrawn. No person shall be admitted as a member unless he shall be twenty-one years of age, nor unless his claim and application for admission shall have been before the Standing Committee prior to the Annual Meeting at which he may be voted for as a member.

SECTION 2.—No person shall be admitted a member of the Society (whatever may be his relation to an original or other member of the Society), unless he be of good moral character and reputation, and be (as required by the Institution) "judged worthy of becoming its supporter and member."

SECTION 3.—Eligibility to membership in succession devolving upon a minor, shall be deemed vested in such minor, but the use thereof shall remain in abeyance until the disability cease or be removed.

SECTION 4.—Lineal succession to membership shall be, according to the rules of inheritance at the common law, "the eldest male posterity (of the Original Member), and in failure thereof the collateral branches who may be judged worthy of becoming its supporters and members." In cases of representation or succession through females, the eldest branch shall be preferred to the younger. The Officer of the Army or Navy of the Revolution, who was an Original Member, shall be deemed and taken as the "propositus" from whom succession shall be derived.

SECTION 5.—When a right of Membership, derived from an Original Member or other officer, shall descend in succession to one already a Member in another and a different right, the one next after him, in the order of descent from the first-named right, may be admitted to Membership in the Society if judged worthy of becoming the Supporter and Member.

SECTION 6.—The eldest male descendant of full age, of any Original Member of any of the State Societies which have been dissolved, also the oldest male descendant of full age, if residing in the State of New York, of an Original Member of any State Society, may be admitted into this Society (if judged worthy), upon the payment into the Treasury of a sum, equal to one month's pay of the Original Member from whom the applicant claims descent in the

Continental Service, according to the rank of such Original Member at the time he signed the roll of the Society of which he was a Member, together with legal interest thereon computed from the Society's organization to the time of such admission, provided that such sum shall in no case be less than five hundred dollars, unless by special order of this Society.

SECTION 7.—Any Member of the Society of the Cincinnati from another State Society not acting with the same, removing to, and residing within this State, may be admitted to Membership in this State Society on application and election as provided in these By-Laws, and on payment into the Treasury of in no case less than five hundred dollars, unless by special order of the Society. Provided, nevertheless, he is qualified for Membership in the Society of the Cincinnati under the rules of this State Society; and, provided further, that he present to the Standing Committee a certificate from the Secretary of the State Society from which he comes, that he is a Member in good standing.

SECTION 8.—Whenever any person shall be admitted to the right to become a Member of the Society, it shall be the duty of the Secretary forthwith, to give him notice thereof, and the person thus admitted, must immediately thereupon subscribe the roll and pay whatever may be required by the rules or regulations, by-laws or order of the Society, and make verbally, or in writing, the following "declaration," viz.: "I, a member-elect of the Society of the Cincinnati, do hereby assume the obligations of its institution and do bind myself to observe and be governed by its principles, and to conform to the rules and regulations of the New York State Society, for the performance whereof I do pledge my sacred honor." And in case he neglect so to do for the space of one year from the date of the vote or election admitting him to the right to become a member, such vote or election shall be, and be deemed and held to be, revoked, annulled, inoperative and entirely void, and he shall not thereafter be entitled to subscribe the roll, or be considered in any way as a member of the Society, or entitled to become such, unless upon a new application for admission, he shall again be admitted to such right, or, unless by a vote of a majority of the members present at the Annual Meeting of the Society, the time be extended before or at the time it would otherwise expire.

SECTION 9.—No person shall be elected a member of this Society, whose ancestor adhered to, or took protection from the Enemy during the war of the Revolution.

ARTICLE XIII.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

No person shall be elected a member of the Society or an Honorary Member, except at the Annual Meeting, and no person shall be elected an Honorary Member without having been proposed at the next preceding Annual Meeting, and an entry of the fact made upon the minutes, and without his having been recommended by the Standing Committee.

ARTICLE XIV.

INVESTMENTS—TRUSTEES.

SECTION 1.—All investments of the funds of the Society shall continue to be in the names of three Trustees, as heretofore appointed in 1815, and of the sur-

vivors of them, as joint tenants. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the office of any of such Trustees, the place shall be filled by the Society at its next Annual Meeting; but if at any time there be two vacancies, it shall be the duty of the Standing Committee forthwith to fill the same, which appointments shall be valid until others be elected in their place by the Society; and immediately upon the appointment or election of any new Trustee or Trustees, all investments of the Society's funds shall be transferred to the joint names of the then existing Trustees as joint tenants.

SECTION 2.—All money paid into the Treasury by persons admitted in pursuance of the foregoing rules and regulations, shall be considered as part of the funds or principal money belonging to the Society, and shall be invested in the name of the Trustees.

ARTICLE XV.*

CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP.

[SECTION 1.—]Every member, upon his admission, shall be entitled to receive a Diploma or Certificate of Membership, to be signed by the President of this State Society and countersigned by the Secretary, for which Diploma he shall pay the Treasurer, before signing the roll of the Society, the sum of five dollars. The fees thus paid shall be for the use of the Society and be considered as part of the revenue for the current year.

[SECTION 2.—The Diploma or Certificate of Membership shall be on parchment and in the following form:]

NEW YORK STATE SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI.

Be it Known, That (A. B., the lineal successor of or a descendant of C. D., who was a _____ in the _____ Regiment of New York Infantry, setting forth the rank of the officer as subscribed to the Rolls of the Society), and an original member of the _____ State Society of the Cincinnati, is (by virtue of a resolution of the New York State Society of the Cincinnati, passed on the _____ day of _____ 18) a Member of the Society of the Cincinnati, instituted by the Officers of the American Army of the Revolution at the period of its dissolution in 1783, as well to commemorate the great event which gave Independence to the United States of America, as for the purpose of inculcating the duty of laying down in peace, arms assumed for public defence, and of uniting in acts of brotherly affection and bonds of perpetual friendship, the Members constituting the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the New York State Society of the Cincinnati have caused these presents to be signed by their President, and countersigned by their Secretary, the _____ day of _____ in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and _____, and of the Independence of the United States of America the _____

[L. S.]

PRESIDENT,

SECRETARY.

* Article XV. was amended by the Society, May 20, 1896, by the insertion of the words in brackets.

ARTICLE XVI.

ALTERATION, REPEAL AND AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS.

No rule or by-law shall be altered or repealed, nor any new one made unless proposed at the Annual or the Stated Meeting in one year, and agreed to by a majority of the members present and voting at the Annual, or the Stated Meeting in the next year, except upon the written recommendation of the Standing Committee; but a by-law or rule may be suspended at any Annual or Stated Meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting.

ARTICLE XVII.

MOTIONS.

Motions made at Meetings of the Society and of the Standing Committee, shall not be entertained unless the same be seconded. The names of mover and seconder need not be entered upon the Minutes. All motions shall be submitted in writing, when required.

ARTICLE XVIII.

TRANSACTIONS, MATTERS OF CONFIDENCE.

The members of this Society shall be considered bound in honor to keep secret any matter offered in debate, or any individual opinion expressed, respecting the admission, election, or expulsion of any member.

ARTICLE XIX.

ORIGINAL INSTITUTION TO BE READ.

The Original Institution of the Society shall be read at the Annual Meeting of the Society.

ARTICLE XX.

PERMANENT FUND.

The fund of this State Society having been contributed by the members at its formation, is held for the relief of the Hereditary Members thereof and their families, who may be in need of such relief, and therefore cannot be appropriated to the relief of those whose ancestors were not Original Members of this State Society. Provided, that a member admitted to this Society in the right of an Original Member of any of the State Societies that have been dissolved, and a member admitted in the right of an Original Member of any State Society, and a Member from any other State Society, removing to and residing within this State, admitted into this State Society, who shall have paid as a condition of his membership, into the Treasury of this Society such sum as this State Society may from time to time establish, shall have the same claim on the funds of this Society, as if the Original Member, in whose right he was admitted, had contributed his month's pay thereto.

ARTICLE XXI.

PARLIAMENTARY LAW.

The rules of parliamentary law, when applicable, shall govern the proceedings of all Meetings, except when otherwise provided by special rule of the Society.

ARTICLE XXII.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- 1.—Roll Call. Secretary may call the roll.
- 2.—Prayer by the Chaplain.
- 3.—Reading of Minutes of prior meetings not previously acted upon, also of minute of the Standing Committee.
- 4.—Reading of the Original Institution of the Order.
- 5.—Communications.
- 6.—Reports.
 - 1st, of Officers.
 - 2nd, Standing Committee.
 - 3rd, Special Committees.
 - 4th, Applications for membership.
- 7.—Election of Members.
- 8.—Investiture of Members.
- 9.—Nominations and election of Officers, Standing Committee, Delegates, Alternates, Trustees, Nominating Committee.
- 10.—Stated Business.
- 11.—Resolutions.
- 12.—Unfinished Business.
- 13.—New Business.
- 14.—Adjournment.

New York State Society of the Cincinnati.



OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

Elected July 4, 1896.

<i>President,</i>	-	-	-	JOHN COCHRANE.
<i>Vice-President,</i>	-	-	-	WM. GREENE WARD.
<i>Secretary,</i>	-	-	-	NICHOLAS FISH.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	-	-	-	CHARLES ALBERT HOYT.
<i>Ass't Treasurer,</i>	-	-	-	JOHN ALEX. RUTHERFURD.
<i>Chaplain,</i>	-	-	-	MANCIUS HOLMES HUTTON, D.D.
<i>Physician,</i>	-	-	-	THOMAS M. L. CHRYSTIE, M.D.

Standing Committee.

ALEXANDER JAMES CLINTON,
JAMES STEPHENSON VAN CORTLANDT,
JOHN BARNES VARICK,
RICHARD VARICK DEWITT,
WILLIAM LINN KEESE,
TALBOT OLYPHANT,
DIXON GEDNEY HUGHES,
FRANCIS KEY PENDLETON,
PAUL ERNEST TIEMAN.

Delegates.

JOHN COCHRANE,
MANCIUS HOLMES HUTTON,
JOHN BARNES VARICK,
JAS. STEVENSON VAN CORTLANDT,
TALBOT OLYPHANT,

Alternates.

J. ALEX. RUTHERFURD,
WM. GREENE WARD,
CHAS. WYLLYS CASS,
JNO. P. H. DEWINDT,
WM. LINN KEESE.

Trustees.

ALEX. JAMES CLINTON. WM. LINN KEESE. WM. GREENE WARD.

Committee on Admissions.

REV. MANCIUS H. HUTTON, D.D., *Chairman.*
26 Union Street, New Brunswick, N. J.
GENERAL JOHN COCHRANE,
7 East Sixty-second Street, New York City.
TALBOT OLYPHANT,
21 Cortlandt Street, New York City.
NICHOLAS FISH, *Secretary,*
120 Broadway.



Society of the Cincinnati
OF THE
STATE OF NEW YORK.

Organized at the Cantonments on the Hudson (New Windsor), N. Y., 9th June, 1783.

List of Members.

1890. SAMUEL KISSAM ADDOMS.....99 Gold st., New York City.
1884. ROBERT PERCY ALDEN [*Connecticut*]....55 Liberty st., New York City.
1891. JOHN BARD.....2034 O st., Washington, D. C.
1860. GEORGE STEWART BELKNAP.....Crow River, Meeker Co., Minn.
1884. HENRY KIERSTED BICKER.....170 Broadway, New York City.
1886. ROBERT BURNETFishkill, N. Y.
1893. CHARLES WYLLYS CASS [*New Hampshire*]. 209 E. 23d st., New York City.
1892. ALEXANDER CENTER.....425 Market st., San Francisco, Cal.
1879. MATTHEW CLARKSON.....15 W. 45th st., New York City.
1878. ALEXANDER JAMES CLINTON.....71 Wall st., New York City.
1888. THOMAS M. L. CHRYSTIE, M. D.....216 W. 46th st., New York City.
1858. JOHN COCHRANE.....7 E. 62d st., New York City.
1892. GEORGE ALFRED PAUL CODWISE,
Carter Building, 7 Water st., Boston, Mass.
1879. JOHN TYLER COOPERAtlanta, Ga.
1874. * JOHN CROPPER [*Virginia*].....1742 M. st., Washington, D. C.
1878. THOMAS DEWITT CUYLER.....Edgewood, Haverford, Pa.
1896. EDWARD NICOLL DICKERSON.....253 Broadway, New York City.
1891. JOHN P. H. DEWINDT.....41 Wall st., New York City.
1868. RICHARD VARICK DEWITT.....202 Lancaster st., Albany, N. Y.
1887. JOHN VARICK DODGE.....405 Upper Second st., Evansville, Ind.

* Elected President of the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of Virginia, 13th May, 1896.

Members descended from original members of other State Societies are designated by the name of such State in italics in brackets immediately after their names.

The numbers prefixed to members' names designate the year of their admission to the Society.

1888. PAUL WESSELS FIGUEIRA.....37 Madison ave., Jersey City, N. J.
 1894. NICHOLAS FISH.....120 Broadway, New York City.
 1889. WILLIAM KEMEYS GENET.....15 W. 99th st., New York City.
 1860. * WILLIAM OGDEN GILES.....2005 Fifth ave., New York City.
 1856. CHARLES GRAHAM.....126 E. 29th st., New York City.
 1893. GERALD HULL GRAY.....106 E. 16th st., New York City.
 1860. JOHN WHEELWRIGHT GREATON.....326 Union st., Brooklyn, N. Y.
 1880. GRIFFITH PRITCHARD GRIFFITH,
 118 E. Auburn ave., Auburn, Cincinnati, Ohio.
 1890. ALEXANDER HAMILTON.....Le Grand ave., Tarrytown, N. Y.
 1896. McDUGALL HAWKES.....42 E. 26th st., New York City.
 1892. WILLIAM A. HERRING.....63 W. 130th st., New York City.
 1857. WICKHAM HOFFMAN [*Connecticut*].....1731 N st., Washington, D. C.
 1896. WILLIAM A. HOPPIN [*Rhode Island*].....Providence, R. I.
 1886. GEORGE BEZALEEL HOWE.....608 Philadelphia Bourse, Philadelphia, Pa.
 1893. CHARLES ALBERT HOYT [*Connecticut*].....9 Mercer st., New York City.
 1875. DIXON GEDNEY HUGHES.....16 John st., New York City.
 1880. FREDERICK JABEZ HUNTINGTON [*Connecticut*],
 138 Washington st., Norwich, Conn.
 1881. MANCIUS HOLMES HUTTON, D. D.....26 Union st., New Brunswick, N. J.
 1888. JOHN DECOURCEY IRELAND.....15 E. 47th st., New York City.
 1877. WILLIAM LINN KEESE.....41 Ocean ave., Flatbush Station, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 1893. JOSHUA HOWARD KING [*Connecticut*].....Albany, N. Y.
 1882. HENRY BROCKHOLST LEDYARD.....579 Jefferson ave., Detroit, Mich.
 1860. * STUYVESANT LEROY.....Mann ave., Newport, R. I.
 1868. CARROLL LIVINGSTON.....Union Club, New York City.
 1878. JAMES JARED LOGAN.....Newburgh, N. Y.
 1896. CHARLES SCOTT MCKNIGHT, M. D.....Saratoga, N. Y.
 1894. ARTHUR GVERNEUR MORRIS.....37 Wall st., New York City.
 1860. * JOHN NEILSON.....Hibernia, Fla.
 1888. TALBOT OLYPHANT [*South Carolina*].....21 Cortlandt st., New York City.
 1890. FRANCIS KEY PENDLETON [*Virginia*].....105 E. 35th st., New York City.
 1860. NATHAN PAYSON RICE, M. D. [*Massachusetts*],
 Harvard Club, 27 W. 44th st., New York City.
 1896. JOHN KEARNY RODGERS.....South River, N. J.
 1887. JOHN ALEXANDER RUTHERFURD.....11 William st., New York City.
 1896. PHILIP SCHUYLER.....Irrington, N. Y.
 1881. WILLIAM RICHMOND TALBOT.....209 Williams st., Providence, R. I.
 1888. EDWARD WRIGHT TAPP.....Jamaica, N. Y.
 1888. WILLIAM WALLACE TAULMAN.....372 Second st., Brooklyn, N. Y.
 1885. PAUL ERNEST TIEMANN, M. D.....180 W. 94th st., New York City.
 1885. HENRY LIVINGSTON THOMAS [*Massachusetts*],
 Dept. of State, Washington, D. C.
 1876. ALEXANDER RAMSAY THOMPSON.....Peoria, Ill.
 1896. CHARLES HUTCHINSON THOMPSON, M. D.,
 39 W. 27th st., New York City.
 1890. WILLIAM GILLON THOMPSON.....206 Randolph st., Detroit, Mich.
 1873. HERBERT GRAY TORREY [*Massachusetts*].....30 Wall st., New York City.
 1885. JAMES STEVENSON VAN CORTLANDT,
 Manor House, Croton-on-Hudson, N. Y.

1880.	JAMES VAN DYK.....	99 Third st., Ellensburg, Wash.
1888.	CORNELIUS VAN RENNELAER.....	28 Dean st., Brooklyn, N. Y.
1896.	DICKINSON MILLER VAN VORST.....	119 Mercer st., Jersey City, N. J.
1872.	JOHN BARNES VARICK	Manchester, N. H.
1892.	GEORGE FLOYD VINGUT.....	46 W. 34th st., New York City.
1860.	* CHARLES HENRY WARD.....	784 Fifth ave., New York City.
1860.	† WILLIAM GREENE WARD [<i>Rhode Island</i>]..	1 Wall st., New York City.
1860.	* ALEXANDER STEWART WEBB	Riverdale, N. Y.
1860.	* ROBERT STEWART WEBB....	Madison Avenue Hotel, New York City.
1885.	BURR WENDELL.....	Cazenovia, N. Y.
1879.	JOHN BEEKMAN WESTBROOK.....	Peekskill, N. Y.
1896.	CHARLES R. WILSON.....	4 and 5 White Building, Buffalo, N. Y.
1896.	DAN. WINSLOW.....	27 Pine st., New York City.

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* Members admitted under the Rule of 1857.

† Also under Rule of 1857.

SECURITIES HELD BY THE NEW YORK STATE SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI.

14 Shares...	\$50 each....	United States 4% Registered Consols.....	\$2,000 00
80 " ... 25 "	Gallatin Bank	700 00
14 " ... 100 "	Mechanics' Bank.....	2,000 00
15 " ... 100 "	Bank of Commerce.....	1,400 00
		United New Jersey Railroad and Canal Co.....	1,600 00
		Croton-Water Main Bond.....	2,000 00
		Henry Bankin's Bond	8,000 00
		P. and J. Garrahan's Bond.....	5,000 00
		A. Kranks, J. P. Friedhoff and H. Stucker Bond.....	4,500 00
		One Gold Eagle.....	\$27,200 00 30 00
			\$27,230 00

Receipts for the year \$1,834 62

Expenditures for the year..... 1,254 56

Receipts over expenditures..... \$589 06 added to own treasury.

Examined this third day of July, 1895, and found correct.

W. G. WARD,
JAMES S. VAN CORTLANDT, } *Auditing*
EDWARD W. TAPP, } *Committee.*

SECURITIES HELD BY THE NEW YORK STATE SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI.

United States 4% Registered Bonds.....	\$2,000 00
Gallatin Bank, 14 shares, \$50 each.....	700 00
Mechanics' Bank, 80 shares, \$25 each.....	2,000 00
Bank of Commerce, 14 shares, \$100 each.....	1,400 00
Croton Water Main bonds.....	2,000 00
United New Jersey Railroad and Canal Company, 16 shares, \$100 each.....	1,600 00
Henry Rankin's Bond, 5%.....	8,000 00
P. Garrahan and J. Garrahan's Bond, 5%.....	5,000 00
A. Kraenke, J. P. Friedhuff and H. Stucke's Bond, assumed by James Schnessler, 5%.....	4,500 00
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	\$27,200 00
11 Gold Cincinnati Eagles @ \$30 each.....	330 00
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	\$27,530 00
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1896, June 30, Securities, etc.....	\$27,530 00
" " " In Bank of New York.....	4,711 50
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	\$32,241 50
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Audited and found correct, July 4th, 1896.

WM. G. WARD, } *Auditing*
JAMES S. VAN CORTLANDT, } *Committee.*



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